

Eph. 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

WHO WOULD EVER HAVE "THUNK"

I remember graduating from high school in 1963 and mocking the person who vandalized a wall with spray paint writing "Class of 69". I could not imagine anything that far away. I remember preaching a watch-night service moments before 1980 and using my driver license as an illustration. I told my audience the last time I renewed my license was 1976 and I never dreamed I would ever have to renew it again...because surely the Lord will return. This month also marks 10 years serving in the Philippines...Who would ever have thunk? Who would ever have thunk that the fulness of times would be this long and the longsuffering of the Lord would be this longsuffering. Well, I am very excited to still be alive in 2022 and so much nearer to the rapture.

The good Lord has been so very good to our ministry here. We have only been slightly altered by the covid and we have even picked up a couple of ministries. Our attendance has been very good considering everything. We had our first commissioning service and officially sent out one of our grads (Nike Dimacale) to start a new church 5 hours away in Aloram. Alvin (a grad) and Mae (his wife) have begun a ministry in a community named Talakag. They have reached a point where they need to build something to protect from sun and rain. They are taking an offering from the people in hopes of buying the materials. The picture with the precious little girl putting a coin in the can is that offering. We had two of our deaf congregation get saved this week. The lady closest to camera is in charge of the ministry and the couple to her right just got saved. Our orchestra has grown and our choir wants to buy a bus and go on tour...joking, but they are as good as or better than some I have heard.

The Lord has amazed us in what He has allowed us to accomplish in construction on the property this past year. Our own men can build just about anything they are challenged to build. This cuts the cost measurable when very little labor costs are involved. For those keeping track of the construction of the basketball court for the past year and a half we should be able to send you a picture of the finished product in the next report. This will be a tremendously useful item added to our facility. We will have basketball tournaments with Bible study breaks. We will have children's Bible studies with skateboard breaks. Then just regular kids play on a non-muddy surface and maintaining a mud-free church. Hallelujah!!!! The following story is amazing to a 54-year veteran street preacher. Thursday, we had a normal street meeting right here on the local market day close to the church. We set up on the side of a street directly across from the police station. The fire company was directly behind us. We hold Bible studies in both of these places. We used a portable amplifier and preached to hundreds. We passed tracts and had conversation with both fireman and police but not one word was spoken concerning our street preaching or amplification. Incredulous!!!



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